



PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No.: 10006-4

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Richard L. Atkinson and Nikhil V. Dhurandhar  
Serial No.: 09/056,153 #4  
Filed: April 6, 1998  
For: VIRAL OBESITY METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS  
Group Art Unit: 1643  
Examiner: not yet assigned

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

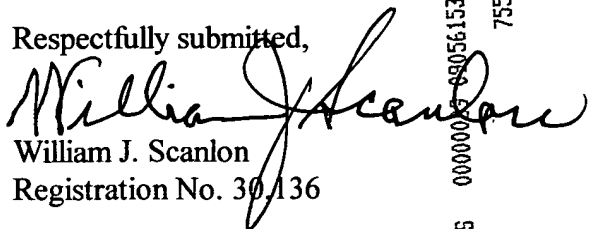
This is a request under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response in the above-identified Application (hereinafter "the Application") by:

four (4) months.

Applicants are entitled to pay fees as a small entity in connection with the Application. A verified statement of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27 is being submitted together with this Petition.

The fee for a small entity for this Petition is \$ 755. A check, no. 1578, is enclosed and includes this fee in its amount.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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